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JOHN L. OVIATT INSTANTLY KILLED

John L. Oviatt, one of the most widely known farmers of Farmers Valley, was instantly killed early Tuesday morning by being kicked by a horse. He arose before daylight, saddled a horse and rode to a barn about half a mile from his home to care for some cattle. It is suppposed that he tied the horse, attended to the cattle and upon starting to remount to return home was kicked by the animal in the face, the hoof mark being plainly visible.

His wife had prepared breakfast and was awaiting him, in fact had become anxious at his nonappearance, when at about 8:15 o'clock the rider less horse returned to the stable. She could tell by the damaged harness that something out of the ordinary had occurred, and the fact that Mr. Oviatt's dog had returned to the house caused her to start for the barn which she knew had been her husband's destination. She found the lifeless body and as soon as she revived from the terrible shock, summoned help from the neighbors. There was no evidence that Mr. Oviatt had moved after he fell, so it is assumed that death occurred almost instantly.

The remains were brought to the house and it was so clearly a case of accidental death that no inquest was necessary.

John L. Oviatt was 62 years of age. He was a congenial man who had many friends who were sadly shocked at the news of his sudden death. He was born at the Oviatt homestead at East Smethport and for many years worked at his trade as a carpenter. In 1910 he moved to the farm at Farmers Valley which he worked until his death. September 3, 1873, he was married to Miss Victoria A. Day, who with four daughters and three sons survive him,—namely: Mrs. Ruth Conner of Farmers Valley, who is teaching school at Ludlow; Burt Oviatt of Keating township; Mrs. Lucy Miller, of Maricopa, Calif.; Benj. P. Oviatt, linotype operator at the MINER office; Emmet Oviatt of Ormsby; Miss Helen Oviatt, a Red Cross nurse at Muscle Shoals, Alabama, and Miss Bee Oviatt, a professional nurse of New York city. Two sisters, Mrs. Emma Allen of Port Allegany and Frances Oviatt of Keating township also survive.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at the house at 1:30 o'clock, Rev E. H. Edson and Rev. Lawrence Thayer officiating.

AN INTERESTING PUBLICATION.

There has just been issued from this office a twelve-page booklet, entitled "Annual Report of the McKean County Farm Bureau," which was prepared and published under the direction of County Farm Agent P. S. Crossman. It contains a most comprehensive review of the valuable services of the farm bureau for the year and is illustrated with interesting half-tones. Fourteen projects are discussed in clear, concise language and a brief resume is given of the routine work of the bureau. It is a valuable little publication and certainly drives home the fact that the farm bureau is a valuable aid to the agricultural interests of McKean county.

MILD OUTBREAK OF "FLU".

Smethport has several cases of a mild form of influenza which seems to afflict children almost exclusively. The disease is so mild in almost every case that it is questionable among physicians whether or not it is influenza in a majority of cases. However on the basis of safety the borough schools have been closed and the patients quarantined. That the outbreak will not reach serious proportions seems obvious at this writing and the wild stories that have been circulated in surrounding towns have absolutely no foundation in fact.

GEORGE L. SMITH OF CLERMONT DIED.

Saturday evening, December 7, 1918, at the home of his brother, Frank Smith, occurred the death of George L. Smith of Clermont, aged about 36 years. This was the first death in Clermont from influenza. Frank Smith is also ill with the disease.

COLEGROVE BOY KILLED IN ACTION.

Elmer Burdick of Colegrove received this message this morning:

Washington, 6:49 p. m.,
Dec. 9, 1918.

Elmer Burdick,
R. F. D. No 1, Colegrove, Pa.

"Deeply regret to inform you that Private Ralph L. Burdick, Infantry, is officially reported as killed in action November 7th.

Signed HARRIS, Adj. Gen."

Ralph L. Burdick was drafted from Colegrove, Pa., and inducted into the service at Smethport, Pa., along with eighty-nine other men of this draft district on July 26, 1918, entraining for Camp Lee, Va. On or about October 4th he arrived overseas in France, and the family have had no advice from him until this telegram since he left Camp Lee. Ralph L. Burdick comes from one of the pioneer families of McKean county. His grandfather, Ransom Burdick, undoubt is the oldest living pioneer resident of McKean county, if not of Western Pennsylvania. He will become one hundred three years old in January, 1919, and has lived practically all his life in Norwich township, and at the present time lives with his son, Elmer E. Burdick, at Norwich Corners, and has full possession of all faculties and is enjoying good health. Ralph L. Burdick was the son of Mrs. Rena Burdick and Elmer E. Burdick. He was twenty-five years of age in November last, and with the nine other children lived in the family home at Norwich Corners all his life. He was a young man of strict integrity and highly thought of by the people of the community in which he lived. An older brother, Earl R. Burdick, is in France with the 14th Co., 4th Batallion, A. C. S., having enlisted with Co. C of Bradford. There are four other younger brothers, Guy, Leland, George and Rodney, and four sisters, Minnie Clepa, Frances and Myrtle, ranging in age from 23 to 8 years. He was thus one of a family of ten children, whom with his parents and aged grandfather are left to mourn the loss of their loved one. The family has the high respect and deepest sympathy of all in their bereavement.

He was a member of Clermont I. O. O. F. and Crosby Grange.

MAKES SUPREME SACRIFICE.

Joseph McAlee, Sr., of Johnsonburg received a message Wednesday morning from the war department that his son, John McAlee, made the supreme sacrifice for his country November 4, being killed in action. He was a member of the 320th infantry, Company G, and was drafted in the service last year, April 4. He is survived by six brothers and one sister, as follows: Crist, Michael, Joseph and James, of Johnsonburg, Emmett McAlee, now in the service in France; Frank McAlee, of the state of Maine and Miss Anna McAlee, at home. He was 26 years old and a member of the Johnsonburg lodge of Moose, also a member of the Bricklayers' Union, at Ridgway. The community shares in the great loss to the family. He was a highly respected and a very popular young man. He was born in Smethport where the family resided for a number of years. He had numerous relatives in Smethport.

PROCLAMATION.

In view of the fact that fifty-one members of the Smethport Fire Department are in the Service and that the efficiency of that Department is thus seriously impaired, on request of the Borough Council and the Fire Department in meetings assembled, and on request of citizens generally, BY VIRTUE OF AUTHORITY IN ME VESTED, I, Warley Gifford, Burgess of the Borough of Smethport, do hereby urge upon the male citizens of this borough, whether members of the Fire Department or not, to respond promptly to any and all alarms of fire during the coming winter, or until our boys come home, and to actively assist in fire fighting, under the direction of the Chief of the Fire Department.

Signed, WARLEY GIFFORD,
Burgess.

Dated, Smethport, Pa., Dec. 10, 1918.

WANTED.

One brick wheeler. One kiln fireman. One tusser. One operator for cord punching machine. Three laborers. Three clay loaders. For class of work and wages, refer to The Canfield Clay Products Co., or U. S. Bureau of Employment, Emporium, Pa.

EARL McCARTHY SEVERELY WOUNDED

Saturday, Mrs. Mary H. McCarthy received the following message from the war department at Washington:

"Deeply regret to inform you that it is officially reported that Private Earl F. McCarthy was severely wounded in action, October 8, 1918. Further information when received."

Earl McCarthy, known to his many friends as "Mickey" is a son of Mr. and Mr. C. H. McCarthy of East St. He was inducted into the service of the United States, May 29, 1918 and sent into the battle line in France a private in Co. A., 16th Inf. In September his brother, Howard, was injured and perhaps permanently crippled in one ear by a shell explosion. Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy and family have the sympathy of many friends, but can take pride in the fact that they furnished two good fighting men to Uncle Sam when he needed them.

JOHN GIFFORD MISSING.

Telegram to Duella Gifford, Crosby, Pa.

"Washington, D. C. 1:33 p. m., December 11, 1918.

"Mr. Duella Gifford, Crosby, Pa.: Deeply regret to inform you that Private John R. Gifford, Infantry, is officially reported as missing in action since November 10. Further information when received."

Signed Harris, Adjutant General."

This message was delivered to Duella Gifford on Wednesday afternoon.

Private John R. Gifford was inducted into the service under Selective service regulations at Smethport on July 26, 1918 as one of 89 in a contingent from the 2nd district of McKean County, and at the time of this report was Private in the 86th Provisional Co of the American E. F. in France. He received training at Camp Lee and has been overseas but a short time. John R. Gifford is the oldest son of Duella A. Gifford of Crosby, Pa., his mother having died during the winter of 1917. His brother Lloyd Ray Gifford of Crosby, age 24, has been in the Service since May 1918 with Co. F., 106th Inf. in France. His sisters reside at Crosby, Mrs. Zera A. Cox and Mrs. Earl Pixley. John Ralph Gifford left Smethport with the same contingent of soldiers as did Ralph L. Burdick who was reported killed in action on November 7th and reference to which is made in a suitable article in another column. The entire community hopes that a more favorable report will be received later.

"NOTICE."

The annual meeting of the policy holders of the McKean Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Pennsylvania, will be held at the Grange National Bank building, Smethport, Pa., on Thursday, January 9th, 1919, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 2 p. m. for the purpose of electing Directors for the year 1919.

adv50w2 H. D. OTTO, Sec'y.

NOTICE.

Stockholders' Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Grange National Bank of McKean County at Smethport, Pa. for the election of directors and the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting, will be held at office of said bank on Tuesday the 14th day of January, 1919. From 12 m. to 2 p. m.

adv 50w2 E. E. DRAKE, Cashier.

A little ad in the MINER will do the business if you need help, have something to buy or sell, have lost or found something. Try a few lines. Advertise in the MINER.

Send the MINER to your friends. A nice Christmas present—one year for $2.00, six months for $1.00.

FOR SALE.

Heavy pair of draft horses. Inquire of GUST E. ANDERSON,
adv50w2*** Mt. Jewett, Pa.

FOR RENT.

Six-room house with bath, newly painted and papered. Mrs. B. Koenig.
adv50tf Water Street.

LETTER FROM JAMES DALY.

M. M. Pomeroy recently received the following very interesting letter from Corporal "Jimmie" Daly, who before he became one of Uncle Sam's helpers was a cutter at the Smethport Window Glass factory.

France, Nov. 5, 1918.

Dear Friend Mark: Just received your letter and you cannot know how much I appreciate the same, for it surely makes a fellow feel great when away off here in this hell-called war to know that the boys back home still remember that he used to be one of them. Mark, when you mail your letter to Camp Wadsworth I was about half way across the "big drink". Had a pretty smooth trip across and we were not bothered by those boats the' works down cellar. A lot of the fun I might say though, we were lost in a fog and separated from our convoy for about twenty-four hours on Friday, the thirteenth day of the month, so when one considers the day and date and night in the danger zone of the submarines why most of us would have just as soon been somewhere else, but we came through all O. K. and landed in Johnny Bull's old lot with the bands playing, receiving a warm welcome. Mark, what little I saw of England was great. Passed through a lot of farming country and it looked to me as though the farmers were batting a 400 clip. The farms and farmsteads looked clean and shipshape and the crops were great. Didn't visit Johnny Bull long till we crossed to France and say, I had one of the finest rides in a side-door pullman one could imagine. The boys were kicking about the day coaches in the United States and I told them the worst was yet to come and it did. The cars are about the size of a box of 8x10 and jump along the track worse than any Kushequa boat ever grabbed.

Well, Mark, we are up on one of the hardest fronts in the whole line. The towns all along the line are all shot to pieces, but the boys sure have them on the run and we have a hell of a time trying to catch them—and Mark I would like to add that it has been the boys from the old red, white and blue lot that are making them pull stakes. They may talk of Uncle Sam's tin soldiers that have received only a few weeks training, but they have proven themselves the greatest fighting men in the world. I can say this without boasting as the cold facts will bear me out.

The boys put over a fire the other night that was hell itself; went over the top next morning and cleaned them right; grabbed an army of prisoners and they said it was the worst fire they ever faced. Now they are going so d— fast toward the Rhine that we can't catch them on foot and have to use motor trucks to get the men anywhere near them.

I was looking over some of the graves around here and saw where the 112th Inf. had been in here. That is the regiment Jimmie McCabe belongs to. I don't know whether Jimmie is still on top or not. The 112th must have put up a mighty battle in here to grab it off the way the lines were situated.

Well I guess I will cap this off as I have to get on the job. Tell Archie (A. W. Malcolm) I received his letter and the letter from the boys the other day and it was worth a hundred iron men to hear from them. My batting average had slumped like the devil but a letter from those whom one is always thinking of and longing to see sure puts a fellow's eye on the ball. Mark, the watch you gave me is keeping great time and I hope to count the Kaiser out by it. Tell Archie I will answer his letter as soon as possible and tell all the boys that I can't thank them enough for what they have done for me and I will try and do what I can to uphold the county seat. Hope they will have nothing to be ashamed of on my account when it is over for having been one of them. Will close with best wishes and kindest regards to all.

Corp. James F. Daly.

Co. C, Third Corps, Artillery Park Am. E. F., France.

POSTPONED.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church have postponed their Christmas market and chicken supper, which was to have been held December 12th.

FOR SALE.

Team of horses—bay and sorrel.
MRS. A. SCHOONMAKER,
adv50tf East Smethport, Pa.

Advertise in the MINER.

CRIMINAL COURT IS IN SESSION THIS WEEK

Ira Stanley Engle, charged with the murder of Verna Fields at Hazelhurst was tried Tuesday.

After securing the jury, Dr. Harry W. Mitchell, superintendent of the State Hospital for the Insane at North Warren, Pa., and Sheriff E. W. Jones repeated their testimony of the previous day which was corroborated by evidence from Dr. Burg Chadwick and County Detective Joseph F. Robinson. Judge Bouton charged the jury that it was its duty to determine the question of the sanity of the prisoner at the present time. The jury was then polled and each juror declared the defendant insane.

Engle was then committed to the State Hospital for the Criminal Insane at Fairview, Pa., in the event of his recovery he is to be returned to the jurisdiction of the McKean county court for disposition of the indictment.

In the action against Clarence Weber, keeping a disorderly house; and J. W. Nelson, assault and battery, the grand jury found no true bills and costs were placed on the county.

Trial juries returned verdicts of not guilty in the following cases: George Clark, assault and battery, Clark and prosecutor, W. B. Potter, to each pay one-half costs; Mose Tyler, assault and battery, Tyler and prosecuting witness, Hazel Keesler, to each pay one-half costs; Bill Bennett, mayhem Bennet, to pay two-thirds and prosecutor, J. B. Reed, to pay one-third costs.

The following defendants pleaded guilty to the charges named and received indicated sentences: Vinzenza Crosetti, carrying concealed weapons, $50 and costs; Sam Nickelson, receiving junk from minors, $50 and costs.

The grand jury returned a true bill against Clate Ostrander, charged with larceny, and trial was continued to next term. Other cases continued were those of Frank and Rose Molaski of Betula, selling liquor without license, put over because of influenza in family; Michael Goldman, obtaining money under false pretense, continued because defendant has pneumonia. Park Dalton, violation of liquor laws.

Clyde Whipple, tried in open court and convicted of desertion and non-support, was sentenced to pay $10 weekly for the support of his wife and three children.

Earl Dilley and Ray Sackett of Kane, who pleaded guilty to larceny, were fined $5 each; costs of prosecution and sentenced to six months each in the county jail. Walter Thomkins, who was their victim, and who was charged with compounding a felony, upon his admission that he received $74, was given a suspended sentence provided he pay costs within six months.

William Woodin and Charles Beardsley, who pleaded guilty to larceny, were given a suspension of sentence, provided they pay value of goods and were given one year in which to pay costs.

Thomas Hamilton, breaking and entering, with intent to commit a felony, was given six months in which to pay costs, sentence to be suspended meantime.

The case against Alessandro Campagion, carrying concealed weapons, who has died since indictment, was nol prossed, as were the actions against John McGraw, assault and battery, and E. D. Mosser, forgery.

Joe McQuistion, Sam Stofer and Harry Danks pleaded guilty of larceny of a quantity of copper wire. Sentence was suspended upon payment of costs and return of property or its equivalent in cash, $27.20.

The desertion and non-support action against John Platko was continued by agreement until February term, defendant in the meantime to pay $5 weekly for the support of his child.

John Prekopl, charged with assault and battery, was discharged after his plea of guilty upon payment of costs.

Sentence was suspended upon Charles Brown, following his plea of guilty to a charge of larceny as bailee until February, he to pay costs of prosecution meantime.

Lester Cook, who pleaded guilty to larceny, also received suspended sentence and was placed on probation pending payment of costs of prosecution.

In the action for desertion and non-support against Joseph Prue, the court ordered that defendant pay $6.50 weekly for support of wife and child until further orders.

The case against Howard Keavin and William Rogers, of Emery burglary, which opened Tuesday afternoon in criminal court, was concluded yesterday morning. Keavin and Rogers were charged with the burglary of a store in Clermont on June 28, 1918. After all of the commonwealth evidence was in the defendants changed their plea from not guilty to guilty. Rogers was sentenced to not less than eight years nor more than 10 years in the penitentiary, and Keavin sentenced to less than three nor more than four years in the penitentiary.

Yesterday afternoon the court is engaged in getting a jury for the Frank murder trial, the case being the commonwealth vs. Raffelo Orlando Fufranco, alias Ralph Frank, murder. Frank is charged with having murdered Mrs. Frank Revette and Joseph Pascarelli at the Revette home on the night of Thanksgiving day, 1917.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Well, we did get our vacation after all; three in one-half a year is going quite the limit. But just think of all the nice summer days we are going to miss when we might be out. They who had their lessons ready have the consolation of knowing they have nothing to worry about when school does start.

A very interesting lecture was given Friday afternoon in the study room of the H. S. We are sure every one was more than pleased.

What does a "scraggly lawn" suggest to you? Bill says, "A poor lawn mower," but we aren't positively sure that he meant the person or the machine. No insinuations, Bill.

The Juniors certainly think they are big. They had a meeting one afternoon last week to decide whether they would have rings or pins, and the style. The rest of us haven't the least idea what they will be like, but we can just about imagine.

There is some sort of a secret lodge being organized by the Senior girls. No particulars have been given but it is the first time in our lives that we ever heard of any of them keeping a secret.

What under the sun becomes of all the Botany books? Botany is surely a delightful study but it would certainly make a rather poor dessert. If anyone has got into the habit of devouring Botanies, please discontinue at once and start in on French books; they are more plentiful and also do not cost as much, seeing they are smaller.

If the school board was just a little more considerate of the future hope of the nation, they would hire a fine orchestra to play at noon while we eat our lunch; not that we care to class our beloved High School with any of the so-call'ed "fashionable cabarets," but a hymn or two would help our digestive systems considerably, and two or three waltzes would rest our weary limbs. But, have patience, friends of mine; if we can't do any better, maybe some feeble old man will buy our school a player piano with an assortment of fox trots, waltzes and one-steps.

BLOSSOM.

SEVERAL INJURED IN WRECK.

The Pennsylvania Flyer, northbound, which is due in Olean at 5:28 p. m., was wrecked Sunday afternoon near Sizerville, Pa. The cause of the wreck was a split rail. Three cars, the smoker, a day coach and a Pullman were derailed and went over the bank into the river. The fact that the cars were of steel construction was probably all that saved the occupants from death.

No one was killed, but several were injured and badly shaken up and bruised.

One of the injured William Spear of Pittsburgh, Pa., a traveling salesman for the American Soda Fountain Company of Boston, Mass., was brought to Olean to the Higgins Memorial hospital. He is suffering from a broken collar bone and an injury to his leg, which it is feared may be fractured.

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Subscribe for the MINER.

MEAT PRODUCE AT TIME NEEDED

Producers Responded Nobly When Demand Was Shown to Them.

CATTLE AND HOG FIGURES.

Government Justified in Pork Policy Which Now Provides Chief Supply to Meet Three Billion Pound Fat Shortage.

In line with the general plan of conservation formulated by the U. S. Food Administration immediately following the entrance of the United States into the war the contribution made by the meat producers of this country to the war program is of particular significance, as it demonstrates the hearty co-operation accorded the Food Administration by the meat producers of the country.

According to reports of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, there was an increase in cattle of 10,238,000 head and 12,451,000 hogs, these figures compiled to January 1 last. In the same period there was a decrease of 5,000,000 head of sheep, but indications are this decrease will show an increase following the latest reports.

Since January 1 unofficial information indicates an increase in hogs of not less than eight per cent, and not more than fifteen per cent, compared with one year ago, with an increase in average weight.

Following the request of the Food Administration for increase in hog production for the fall of 1918 and the spring of 1919 the increase may yield not less than 1,000,000,000 pounds more of pork products than were available last year. Without this increase the shipping program arranged by Mr. Hoover regarding animal food products would have been impossible.

The dressed hog products during the three months ending September 30, 1917, amounted to 903,172,000 pounds, while for the same months of 1918 the production was 1,277,580,000 pounds, an increase of over 374,000,000 pounds for the quarter.

During the same period in 1917 inspected slaughter records of dressed beef showed 1,263,000,000 pounds as against 1,454,000,000 pounds for the three month period ending September 1, this year.

We must increase our meat shipments, especially our pork products, to meet the added demands of the millions liberated from German oppression. And at the same time we must look forward to the rehabilitation of the European meat herds. The policy which guided our meat program in the past year has been fully justified, for only the heavy pork production which it has brought about will enable us even partly to satisfy the increased demands on us for the coming year. There will be a world shortage in fats and it is to the United States that Europe must look to supply its deficiency. At the same time [illegible]

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THE TEST NOW FULFILLED.

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With the solemn obligation of providing that "margin" of food that would safeguard against starvation our friends in Europe the housewife and the consumer have learned neither to "ignored and unsuspected—things about food have absorbed a whole college education" in food values, food-handling, buying and substituting that they will not want to forget.

Our voluntary food-saving not only saved the Allies and made vital contribution to the success of the war, but saved to the nation in mobilization expenses the staggering cost of our own pushed that any effective system of rationing would have extracted. It would have cost us not less than $45,000,000 to have pushed rationing as against the 2 cents per capita for conserving.

By saving and sharing, America kept the world together during the war crisis. By saving and sharing America will help to bring the healing of nations.

America's food Saving means starving people

WAR SPIRIT SIGNED SPIRIT OF U. S.

Sacrifice to Ensure Allied Loaf Greatest Single Food Achievement.

SUFFICIENT SUPPLY NOW.

All the Nations Will Be Able to Return to Their Normal Supply of White Bread.

Overshadowing all other accomplishments of the American people under the leadership of Food Administration in the history of wheat exports in the past sixteen months. Our wheat export program proved conclusively to the world that America was in this war from start to finish and willing to make any sacrifice that will hasten victory or maintain the health and strength of people overseas, upon whom rested the heaviest weight of our war.

Now that pressure on ocean tonnage is eased by the stopping of large movements of troops to Europe, we may relax our efforts to save wheat. The necessities of Europe, Australia, Argentine and other hitherto inaccessible markets will become available, and probably no more than our normal surplus will have to leave this country. We in America and the nations which have won the world for freedom will be enabled to eat their normal wheat loaf at the common table of the peoples of democracy.

We entered the past crop year with a wheat supply which gave us only 200,000,000 bushels available for export. When the crop year ended, we had sent 141,000,000 bushels of wheat to Europe. The American people had saved out of their normal consumption 121,000,000 bushels.

A survey of export figures shows that the conservation of flour brought about by the wheatless meals, wheatless days, substitution in our kitchens and bakeries, enabled us to send to our armies and the allies 33,000,000 barrels of white flour wheat figured as flour. Had we exported only our visible surplus, we would have been able to ship less than 4,500,000 barrels.

Before the 1st of December our surplus had gone overseas, and an additional 36,000,000 bushels had been taken from the stock reserved for home consumption and added to the surplus already shipped to the allies. It seemed hardly possible that we could bring our total exports above 100,000,000 bushels by July 1. But in January the late Lord Rhondda, then British Food Controller, cabled that unless we could send an additional 75,000,000 bushels he could not take responsibility for assuring his people that they would be fed. The American people responded by saving [illegible] bushels, saved in their home consumption, between the first of the year and the advent of the new crop.

By October 10, 1918, we had already shipped [illegible] bushels since July

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A GERMAN HOPE DISPROVED AND A GERMAN FEAR CONFIRMED

A statement made by a prominent German official soon after this country was declared in a state of war with Germany shows that even in the enemy country clear thinking students did not underestimate the strength of the American republic. Only in his confidence that we could not send to Europe sufficient troops to affect the final decision was this official mistaken.

"I do not fear the American soldiers," he told a high official of our government, "because they cannot arrive in time. What I fear is the intelligence and devotion of one hundred million original minds and people trained to a faith in individual initiative. The day that those people, now so comfortable in outward appearance, are stirred spiritually, that day is the day of Germany's doom."

Save food

Who shares in the struggle Will share in the triumph

Italy's Efforts in the World War

HOISTING HEAVY ARTILLERY UP THE FACE OF A MOUNTAIN
WHERE THE ITALIAN LINE CROSSED THE HEIGHTS OF ADAMELLO
ADVANCE PICKETS BREAKING FIRST TRAIL OVER GLACIAL HEIGHTS
BARRACKS ON THE FACE OF A PRECIPICE
TRENCH DIGGING AFTER A MOUNTAIN SNOW STORM

By DR. FELICE FERRERO, Director Italian Bureau of Public Information.

The blood and treasure of Italy were freely spent in the successful effort to put Austria-Hungary out of the war. While Italy's efforts were not confined to the Austrian front, her contribution to allied success was greater here than in the other places where her troops fought the battle for civilization. Her financial and industrial efforts have been equal to her military efforts, and in all these directions Italy has [illegible] beyond what [illegible] the magnitude and extent of these efforts may be better understood by the American public, I wish to review them briefly.

In considering Italy's military contributions, let me emphasize the fact that her soldiers have not confined their fighting to their own soil. Like those of her allies they have gone far afield. They contributed largely to the glorious victory on the French front. A force was sent to France first and powerful aid in the defense of liberty, then took part in the advance of the allied forces.

Italy Had 5,500,000 Under Arms.

Since the beginning of the war Italy has called to the colors little less than 5,500,000 men and has suffered a loss of almost 1,500,000 of these, of whom nearly 350,000 died in battle and 100,000 from disease. Over 500,000 are totally incapacitated, either by blindness, loss of limb or tuberculosis. At the present moment the strength of the Italian army is 1,025,000, including the class of men born in 1900, who have been called to the colors recently. It may be said, then, that the nation's man-power has suffered a permanent loss of nearly a million.

But, serious as is this loss, Italy has inflicted an even greater punishment upon the foe. In Austrian prisoners alone she has taken approximately a million. The Austrian loss in killed and wounded is, of course, unknown to us, but even the most conservative estimates make it far greater than ours. In the June offensive on the Piave alone over 250,000 Austrian dead were left on the field.

Fighting Under Extreme Difficulties.

Aside from their achievements in other theatres of the war, Italy's soldiers have fought through fifteen [illegible] offensives on the Isonzo and the Piave, inflicting terrible losses on the foe in each. These campaigns were carried on in mountainous regions and under rigorous weather conditions that taxed to the utmost the genius of the military engineers and the endurance of the troops. The foe, when hostilities opened, were entrenched in carefully prepared and seemingly impregnable positions, backed by a network of military roads and railroads. On the Italian side were deep gorges, unscalable cliffs, almost impassable glaciers, passes filled with snow and commanded by Austrian guns. There were no suitable roads or bridges. The [illegible] of these difficulties has challenged the admiration of the [illegible] world.

Over 2,500 miles of roads have been constructed on the mountains of Italy and of Albania, and [illegible] have been built to carry [illegible] and guns over steep passes.

Economic Difficulties.

The magnitude of this [illegible] effort can be fully appreciated only when taken into consideration the economic condition of the nation and the [illegible]

[illegible] remember that one of the [illegible] inhabitants to [illegible] each case for some 520 children below the age of fifteen.

Furthermore, the traditions of Italian family life render the work of their women an economic factor of less importance than in some other countries, though it has been utilized to the utmost and is becoming more available as old traditions give way to war's necessity.

No Troops From Colonies.

Italy got no help from colonial contingents. On the contrary, the scarcity of native troops in Italy's colonies compelled the government to reinforce them with troops from the mother country. Nor has help come to Italy through the co-operation of workmen of neutral or allied countries. Italy, on the other hand, sent scores of thousands of skilled workmen to France, thus enabling her to forego skilled [illegible] of our male adults residing in America gave to this great nation direct [illegible] to her economic [illegible] of war.

To carry out these operations, therefore, the Italian people have been compelled to cut into the most urgent needs of agriculture and industry. Her continuous lack of labor has made the task of feeding the army and providing it with munitions a most difficult one.

And yet Italy, lacking labor and industrial development, lacking almost entirely coal and raw materials, has by a miracle of energy been able to create almost from nothing a powerful organization of war industries.

Difficult to Obtain Goods.

The very act of entering the war cut [illegible] country was one of the best customers of the United States for raw materials and foodstuffs. That writer also points out that it was the [illegible] of her industrial and commercial life to the [illegible] new conditions that has created [illegible] entirely new economic fabric in Italy.

"Italy's devotion of her resources to war purposes has been complete," says Mr. Sisson. "Her confidence in the production of certain articles of commerce marked her as the chief source of supply for similar products of a warlike nature. Her ordinary production of automobiles, aeroplanes, turbines and heavy oil engines has merely been intensified and modified in the direction of such a standardization as would permit quantity production."

Financially Italy Responded Well.

Financially Italy also has responded to the demands of war with an open-handedness that has surprised even herself. From the first of August, 1914, to the end of 1917 the total expenditures of the state were $8,500,000,000. Calculating on the basis of a monthly average expenditure for the war of $210,000,000, the total cost of the war to Italy would be more than $12,000,000,000.

A further proof of the financial effort Italy made for the war, notwithstanding her small resources are the five national loans. The first one yielded about $200,000,000, and it seemed a great struggle, yet still others were launched, all giving greater returns, and the last one, after the disaster of October, 1917, yielded about $1,300,000,000.

It must be remembered, too, that labor shortage has meant a food shortage. It has established a vicious circle. Our fighters and industrial workers have accomplished their work while forced to endure a regime of restricted diet that has meant real and continuing suffering such as probably is not, in the [illegible] [illegible] among the allied [illegible]

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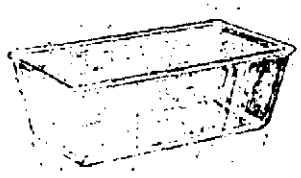

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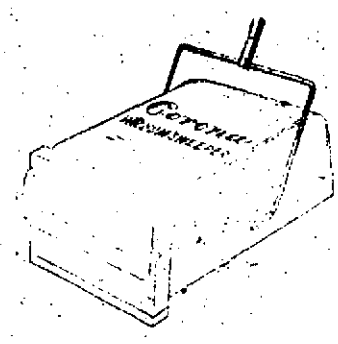

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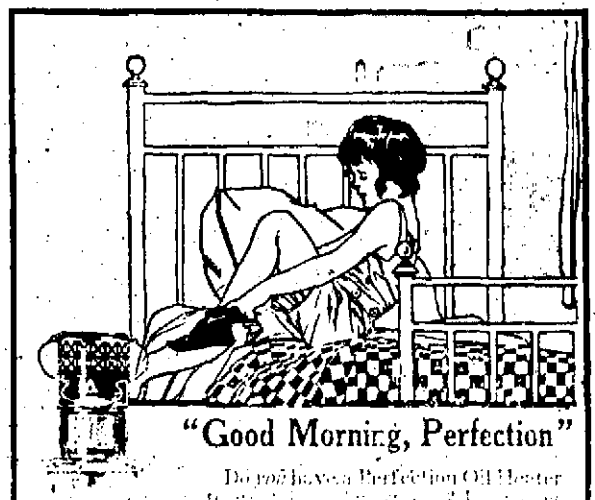

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Miner's Weekly Letter

Smethport, Thursday, December 12.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

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[illegible] OF MINERS

[illegible] in [illegible] should bear in mind that it [illegible] very to respond promptly when the [illegible] fire alarm sounds. Every pair of hose of Mr. Glover's friends that his hands would be needed in case of fire. condition may soon take a turn for the better.

SHOULD BE RETAINED.

[illegible] by the National Council, Washington [illegible] to the Pennsylvania Forestry [illegible] and Mining Co. [illegible]

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Smethport, Pa., Thursday December 12, 1918.

Deaths from influenza in the United States for the 80 day period from September 15 to December 5, are said to number between 300,000 and 350,000, by he public health service. These calculations are based upon reports from cities and states keeping accurate records and public health officials believe they are conservative. The epidemic still persists in many parts of the country but deaths are much less numerous than in the early stages of the outbreak.

Another southern gentleman has been added to the President's official family in the person of Representative Carter Glass of Virginia, who has been named to succeed Mr. McAdoo, the president's son-in-law.

Secretary Wilson of the labor department hits the nail squarely on the head when he addresses labor in the interests of deliberate and thoughtful action in behalf of Thomas J. Mooney, sentenced to life imprisonment for the San Francisco bomb outrages.

Over-zealous friends of Mooney, leaders in the ranks of union labor, have planned a nation-wide strike to go into effect December 9 Secretary Wilson's plea is to prevent this industrial menace and at the same time preserve the jury system of trial, society's bulwark for a thousand years.

"If Mooney is guilty of the crime, says the secretary, "labor is not interested in protecting him. If he is innocent, all of our people are interested in his acquital."

This very completely sums up the national attitude toward Mooney. Labor and the public have precisely the same desire to see justice done.

There is an accumulation of new evidence and there is every probability that he will be given a new trial, as he should be. There is much in the Mooney case—hatred, perjury, and selfish interest—that would warrant another trial.

To protest his present position by means of a nation-wide strike, however, would be calamitous both in its present effects and its effect upon future relationships. Men might be encouraged to crime in the belief that the whole force of labor, or of capital or of some of the elements that could be rallied around them and the real ends of justice defeated.

Secretary Wilson has shown both courage and wisdom, and since President Wilson himself set the precedent for federal interference with the courts, there can be no protest from California where Mooney is incarcerated.—Buffalo Evening News.

A New York Dispatch of December 8, says: A new dry process by which meats and fish can be kept indefinitely and then restored to their former state of freshness by the application of water which, it is believed will increase the world's meat shipping capacity more than twelve times by doing away with the need for refrigeration, has been perfected in the chemical engineering laboratories at Columbia University, it was announced today

During the period of comprehensive tests, the statement said, meats that had been dried and kept a year were restored to their fresh state, and served in the homes of professors attached to the university. A shipment of 300 pounds was sent to a camp in the south and served to the soldiers. Reports received from the camp state that those who ate the restored meat failed to discover any difference between it and strictly fresh meat.

Hitherto in the shipment of meat and fish it has been necessary to resort to refrigeration, the use of salt or brine or as the case of ham and bacon, smoking or treatment with moved from the meat or fish to be treated inserted, all bone, waste fat and tissue are rechemicals. By the new process, it was as the material part.

The meat is then cut into squares or, in the case of beef into steaks, placed in a vacuum and subjected to a period of drying at a relatively low temperature. No other treatment is necessary.

Meat thus dried, it was sated; exhibits no visible or chemical change with the sole exception that all water is removed. The meat also remains free from putrifying germs so that it can be kept indefinitely without refrigeration.

Research into the subject was begun more than a year ago in the Harriman laboratories at Roosevelt hospital under Dr. K. G. Falk and Dr. E. M. Frankel. After the test had progressed sufficiently they were transferred to Columbia where they were perfected with the cooperation of Dr. Ralph McKee, professor of chemical engineering.

Winston Churchill, British Minister of, Munitions, says Great Britain is resolved to submit to no restrictions upon armaments which would prevent her navy from maintaining its "well deserved superiority on the seas." He speaks for the Lloyd George government, and also, we suppose, for a very large majority of the English people.

If this statement of British policy sounds at all like a challenge to us, that is owing not to anything inevitable in the facts but to a state of mind recently created in this country.

The facts are that the British navy has been the most fortunate weapon on the side of right; that without it we should have lost the world to the Hun, and that English superiority at sea is not an aspiration but a condition. It existed long before Mr. Wilson, in the campaign of 1916, tardily persuaded to a doctrine of preparedness, began to talk of making the American navy "incomparably the greatest." So far as we know that policy has never been renounced, and our tremendous programme of construction is under way. But lately some have been talking of "freedom of the seas" almost as if it were something that would have to be gained in spite of the British navy, and there is abroad a theory that Mr. Wilson purposes to point to our own naval programme as the strongest concrete argument in favor of limiting armaments. That would be like the old game between England and Germany before the war.

Mr. Winston Churchill's statement is met by a significent wireless message from the U. S. S. George Washington saying that the President will propose the end of armed domination by any one nation. That would forbid of course any one nation's superiority at sea.

Therefore in our thought of having "incomparably the greatest navy." in our naval programme itself and now in Mr. Wilson's peace policy, we seem in a threefold way to have challenged the right of the British navy's supremacy. So it would seem to any English point of view. Yet we shall see England's refusal to relinquish her sea power treated as a piece of high contumacy. We shall hear it said that we are obliged either to accept second place or engage in a navy-making competition with Britain.

But all of this desperate dilemma is purely fictitious. Great Britain's situation is that of an island power; ours is that of the nation on earth potentially the most nearly self-contained, if need be.

If the British navy should continue to be the most powerful one weapon in the world, what of it? And if the American navy should rise to second place where it never was, that would be a position we should perhaps be as loath to relinquish as England is to give up first place. And if the English and American navies together should constitute an Anglo-Saxon weapon incomparably more powerful than any three or four others, the world would be, if anything, a safer place for all of us.—New York Tribune.

The soldier who has served in France will have many questions to ask upon his return. He will study how the war has been conducted. He will have an idea of those who have helped and those who have hindered. He will appreciate the great importance of production and he will want to know how it has been hindered and by whom. No question in his mind can be answered by platitudes. He will exact facts and he will inevitably contrast, modestly of course, his own heroic service at a stipend of $33 a month with the work of those who remained at home, either to secure enormous profits or to make enormous wages. His will be a questioning mind, and he will be one of the millions thinking along the same lines.

The present petty classes and cliques which are dominating polities will only interest him to the extent of determining whether they served faithfully or were slackers and profiteers. He will apply the same test to the politicians and statesmen. The soldier may be the supreme factor in our political, and therefore in our economic and financial policies for many years to come. He will be an independent thinker with a vast fund of knowledge, and as a soldier he will exact a reckoning which must be paid fully and completely. His return will mark the end of some of our present political methods, and the domination of certain classes to which politicians have heretofore bowed. It will make for healthier conditions in politics.—American Industry.

Retribution has overtaken the Kaiser and he cowers in Holland in deadly fear of what fate may have in store for him. Recent cablegrams say that he is a broken man—ill and hopeless.

Swat the Bolsheviki! One swatted right now will be as good as a dozen crushed next spring.

AUDITORS REPORT OF KEATING TWP. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 2nd, 1918

Audited at Hamlin Bank December 2nd, 1918.

Receipts.

Balance from Last Auditors Report, Cash in Banks	$81.07	
Amount received from Coll. Rice being over paid on 1916 taxes and credited to his 1917 tax Collections	.35	
Amount received from Col. Rice on 1917 Tax duplicate	824 06	
Amount received from Coll. Rice on 1918 Tax Duplicate	5000 88	
Amount received from State Treasury Department	1050 10	
Amount received from County Treasurer Potter	1083 50	
Amount received on loans from Hamlin Bank	2175 00	
Amount received from Hendine & Johnson for use of Road Roller Machine	42 00	
Amount received from Coal Sold	8.50	
Amount received from South Penn. Oil Co. for use of Road Roller	12 00	
	$11620 06	$11620 06

Credits.

By Paid team work.		
J. D. Abbey	442 40	
C. H. Curtis	1395 55	
N. C. Hyde	823 20	
	$2652 15	$2652 15
By Paid Labor, J. D. Abbey	$ 336 00	
By Paid Labor, C. H. Curtis	1108 50	
By Paid Labor N. C. Hyde	427 13	
	$2102 23	$2102 23
By Paid Road Masters, J. D. Abbey	$237 50	
By Paid Road Masters, C. H. Curtis	483 00	
By Paid Road Masters, N. C. Hyde	360.00	
	$1080 50	$1080 50
By Paid Traction Engine J. D. Abbey	$ 27 50	
By Paid Traction Engine C. H. Curtis	410 00	
By Paid Traction Engine N. C. Hyde	140 00	
	$577 50	$577 50
		$6478 38
By Paid for Printing & Auditing	$131 00	
By Paid For Collectors Fees	164 77	
By Paid For New Road Machines	2081 64	
By Paid for Secretary & Treasurer's Salaries	197 51	
By Paid for Freight & Drayage	53	
By Paid for Water Troughs	56 00	
By Paid for Coal, Fuel & Oil	288 04	
By Paid for Rent of Land, Handing Road Roller Machine	10 00	
By Paid for Compensation Insurance	57 46	
By Paid for Bridges & Sluices	1320 33	
By Paid for Blacksmithing	14 10	
By Paid for Supervisors Attending Convention	4 00	
By Paid for Interest on Notes & Bonds	78 28	
By Paid for Stationery Telephone & Office Supplies	36 06	
By Paid for Gravel, Sand & Cinders	34 15	
By Paid for Lumber	116 53	
By Paid for Hardware	100 00	
By Paid for Auto Hire	17 05	
By Paid for Sign Boards	103 00	
	$4801 73	$4801 73
		$11620 11
To Balance Amount in Hamlin Bank		339 05
		$11620 06

H. J. Rice Collector, in account with Keating Township.

Dr.		
To amount due from Coll. Rice on 1917 Tax Duplicate	$863 55	$863 55
Cr.		
By Amount credited over-paid on 1916 duplicate and credited to his 1917 Tax duplicate	55	
By Amount paid on 1917 Duplicate	821 00	
By Amount due from Coll. Rice on 1917 Duplicate to Balance	9 81	
Including 5% added to Taxes after Oct. 1st, 1917.	$831 81	
By Amount of 1917 Exonerations	56 73	
	$863 55	$863 55
Dr.		
To Amount of 1918 Tax Duplicate	5988 01	
To Amount of 5% added as penalty to tax Payers after Oct 1st, 1918.	46 96	
	$6014 97	$6014 97
Cr.		
By Amount Paid on 1918 Tax Duplicate	$1012 56	
To Amount of 5% Discount allowed Tax Payers to June 1st	211 19	
By Amount Paid Collector at Date	801 97	
By Amount Paid being Collected after Oct. 1st	205 00	
By Amount Paid being 5% penalty added to Taxes after October 1st 1918	10 35	
By Amount of Exonerations on 1918 Tax Duplicate	27 18	
By amount due from Coll. Rice on 1918 Tax Duplicate to Balance	745 72	
	$6014 97	$6014 97

Liabilities of Keating Township

Outstanding Bonds	$1500 00	
Outstanding Orders	2400 00	
Loans from Hamlin Bank	3075 00	
Amount of Notes Payable as per Contract of Road Roller	1000 00	
Outstanding Bills	1768 80	
	$8749 80	$8749 80

Resources.

Amount due from Collector Rice on 1917 Taxes Including 5% added to Taxes after Oct. 1st	$9 81	
Amount due from Coll. Rice on 1918 Taxes Inc. 5% added	745 72	
Amount of Cash in Hamlin Bank	339 05	
Amount due from County Treasurer Potter on 1917 unsecured Tax duplicate	126 55	
Amount due from County Treasurer Potter on 1918 unsecured Tax duplicate	1215 28	
	2168 11	
LIABILITIES in excess of RESOURCES	6581 78	
	$8749 89	$8749 89

Keating Township have on hand one Road Roller valued at $2500.00. One Traction Engine and Road Drags valued at $1000. If sold the cash would be considered a Resource.

We, the auditors of Keating Township having examined the accounts of Treasurer H. E. Curtis and Collector H. J. Rice do find them as above stated.

And herewith set our hand and seal.

H. J. RICE KHAM.
CHAS. T. LEET CHECKS.
S. D. CRAWFORD.
Auditors.

Smethport, Pa., Dec. 7th, 1918.

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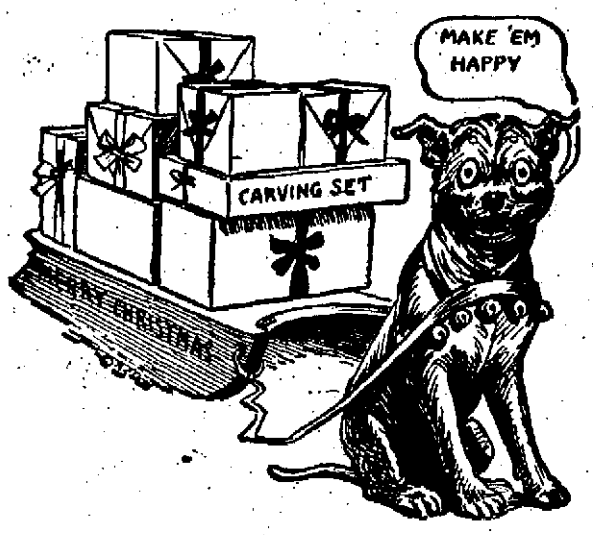

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SMETHPORT, — — PA.

McKean County Miner

Entered at the Postoffice at Smethport, Pa, as second-class mail matter.

Smethport, Thursday, December 12.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Miss Mattie Backus was confined to her home several days during the past week with an attack of tonsilitis.

—Miss Edith Schoonmaker of East Smethport helped out the MINER this week on some rush job work orders in a skillful manner.

—Criminal Court this week drew one of the largest crowds in several years owing to the large number of cases that had accumulated owing to the cancellation of the October term on account of influenza.

—The death of Dr. Cassar Smith, one of Olean's leading physicians, occurred Saturday afternoon. He was born October 3, 1856 and had been a practicing physician in Olean for twenty-three years. He is survived by his wife two sons and a daughter.

—Rev J. S. Fleming, former pastor of the Methodist church here, who enlisted last spring in the Y. M. C. A. service has returned to Philadelphia where his family is residing. Rev. Mr. Fleming's oldest son died a few months ago and he came home after serving six months in Y. M. C. A. work, principally in England.

—The marriage of Mrs. Everetta Duel Knowles, of No. 29 Delevan avenue and George S. Van Vetchen of Rockland avenue, was solemnized at 1:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the First Methodist parsonage in Bradford. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. H. Witham.

—As in former years the MINER will issue no edition Christmas week. There are many things in a printing office that have to be straightened up once a year and the members of the force need a little breathing spell before starting on another year's work, consequently the issue of December 26th, 1918 will be omitted.

—Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Hogarth of this place received a cablegram from their son, Lieutenant J. D. Hogarth, informing them that he was in good health and with the American army of occupation in the erstwhile German province of Luxemburg. He was stationed in the capital city of the province which also is named Luxemburg.

J. B. Fox, one of the most active and familiar figures in the history of Bradford and well known throughout the oil [illegible] Sunday morning. For [illegible] and [illegible] Fox was a native of Ireland and in 1878 [illegible] he survived by his wife, three daughters and a son.

—Word has reached Smethport of the death of Mrs. John Engstrom, Jr., of Jamestown, N. Y., who passed away in Denver, Colo., recently, tuberculosis being the cause. She leaves three small children aside from her husband, who is now ill with influenza in Jamestown. The family is well known in Smethport where they have numerous relatives and friends.

—Fred J. Biever a well known young man of this place has received his honorable discharge from the United States Army and is now at his home in this place. Fred in common with all returning soldier boys looks as though the service agreed with him. He would undoubtedly have received a commission if the war had gone on a while longer as he was well started in that direction at the officers training school at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky, when he received his honorable discharge.

Charles Shultz of the U. S. Army who was working as linotype operator at the Democrat office when inducted into service, and Carlton Kohn of the U. S. Navy, a well known young man of this place, became acquainted in rather a peculiar way on Thanksgiving day. Sailor Kohn left Smethport before Soldier Shultz came here and consequently the young men were strangers to each other. A New York city lady invited two soldiers and two sailors to take dinner at her home on Thanksgiving day and Shultz and Kohn were two of the guests. In the course of conversation Shultz remarked that he was from Angelica N. Y., and Kohn said he was from Smethport, Pa., whereupon Shultz exclaimed that he was in Smethport when drafted, and as a consequence a good old talkfest ensued with Smethport people as the subject. It is understood that Mr. Shultz has received his honorable discharge and is expected to arrive in Smethport today to resume his former position.

—Charged with maliciously and wantonly pointing and firing firearms at Margaret Doyle Keavin, his wife with intent to do her bodily harm, Howard Keavin is locked up in the city lockup and will be taken to Smethport to answer to the charge. His wife, who was held as a witness in the sum of $100, is also locked up as she was unable to furnish bail. On Wednesday evening Keavin and his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ray of this city, were together in a room in the Moore block on Main street which it is said Keavin, who had returned here from Buffalo, had just rented. The caretaker heard a shot in the room and called the police. Keavin was arrested, charged with carrying concealed weapons and shooting within the city limits. He was given a hearing on Thursday [illegible] Bradford Sunday Herald.

Read Chas. W. Mercer's 18% advertisement on page three.

—See the advertisement of the Grange National Bank this week for some valuable information.

—The puzzle, what to buy him for a Christmas gift, is solved—if you will read Monhelmer's advertisement in today's MINER.

—From information at hand it seems probable that the boys of the 112th which include many from this county will return home about Easter time.

—Sickness and death cast their influence over activities in the MINER office this week and as a consequence the paper is issued under difficulties. Especial thanks are due to Webb B. Hopper, superintendent of printing on the Boys' Magazine, for his kindly aid in getting out this edition.

—Convulsions resulting from eating of strychnine tablets found in bureau drawer while he was at play were fatal to George W. McCauley, 16-months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael McCauley, 8 Spruce street. Inquiry this morning resulted in issuance of certificate of accidental death by Coroner S. D. Heffner, of Bradford, who found unfortunate circumstances in which no fault or responsibility lay.—Kane Republican.

PERSONAL MENTION.

F. R. Potter of Kane visited in town last week.

Mrs. W. H. Gallup of Crosby was in Olean Friday.

Chas McGowan of Crosby was in town Monday.

Albert Peterson of Kane was in town this week.

Miss Mae Choate visited in Bradford last Thursday.

Miss Mayme Colegrove was an Olean visitor Thursday.

Mrs. Fred Cary and daughter visited in Bradford Friday.

Mrs. Sarah Richmond called on Bradford friends Thursday.

Hon. R. B. Stone of Bradford is a court attendance this week.

Miss Alice Irons and Miss Genevieve Clark visited Olean Friday.

Attorney H. S. Rogers of Mt. Jewett is in attendance at court this week.

Mrs. Alex Cunningham has returned from a visit with relatives in Kane.

County Detective Joseph Robinson is in attendance at court this week.

Mrs. Chas. Lemmler and daughter, Miss Lenora, were in Olean Thursday.

Mrs. M. S. Geary and daughter, Elizabeth, visited Bradford friends Friday.

E. A. McKee of Eldred was transacting business in Smethport last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Camp have returned from a business visit in Pittsburgh.

Miss M. Theodosia Rice of Coryville was a pleasant caller at this office Saturday.

Miss Julia Brendel of St. Marys visited relatives in Smethport during the past week.

to his home in Smethport, having had an honorable discharge from service.—Olean Herald.

Mrs. William Mitchell and daughter, Norma, of Washington, D. C., are visiting Mrs. Mitchell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Green.

Robert L. Hull of the U. S. S. Iowa is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hull at the Wright House.

Miss Bee Oviatt of New York city is here to attend the funeral of her father, John L. Oviatt of Farmers Valley, who was killed Tuesday morning.

Dr. and Mrs. Burg Chadwick returned Thursday from Rochester, N. Y., where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Chadwick's sister, Miss Nettie I. Baker on Wednesday.

Miss Helen Oviatt, a Red Cross nurse who has been stationed at Muscle Shoals, Alabama, is expected home to-day to attend the funeral of her her father, the late John L. Oviatt.

Sergt. Frank B. Fay of Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky., arrived in the city Tuesday and spent the day with his aunt, Mrs. J. D. Quinn of North Twelfth street. Mr. Fay was enroute

ROLL OF HONOR OF KEATING AND SERGEANT TOWNSHIPS SUBJECT TO CORRECTION.

James Rexford Scowden (Killed in Action).
Loy Albert Douglass, (Died)
William Keith Pratt (Died)
Henry Lawrence Herzog (Honorable Discharge for Disability, Died.)
Albert George Kleisath(Wounded).
Charles William McKean (Wounded)
Clinton John McAhon, (Wounded)
Lloyd Robin (Wounded)
Clarence Ed Taylor (Wounded)
John Walker (Wounded).
(This List of Casualties Includes Official and Unofficial)
Homer Lazel Thomas (Wounded)
William Hugh Abbey
Anton M. Anderson
Floyd D. Barrows
William D. Barry
William Burdick
Oliver Clyde Bate
Orson Baker
William Brockton
Edward H. Culbertson
Lester C. Cook
Dudley Day
Homer Hosking Danielson
Robert Feura
Sanford Decker
Anna B. Fay
Harry Ferman
Earl Gale
William Herbert Howe
Allan Oviatt Hyde
Edwin Irons
Francis John Lynch
Francis Adelbert Moore
Charles McKiernan
Carlton Edward McKean
Seth Harold Norman
Fred Norman
Forrest H. Nourse
George S. Otto
Anna Josephine Olson
Beulah Cecilia Olson
Carl Albert Olson
Robert Emmett O'Connor
Ralph Ambrose O'Connor
Donald O'Connor
Alfred Lee Oviatt
George Rockwell Oviatt
Helen Victoria Oviatt
Myrtle C. Rose
John V. Rose
Charley Rice
Noble Bernard Schoonmaker
Miller C. Stickles
George L. Stickles
Merle C. Stickles
Samuel C. Schoolmaster
Claire M. Thomas
William Lester Taylor
Lyle C. Thayer
Roy O. Thomas
Fordest Vangorder
Cecil Walker
Earl Thomas Walker
William Louis Young

SERGEANT TWP. (No Casualties.)
Muran M. Anderson
Albert M. Anderson
Leo Birmingham
James Ennis
Paul Francepine
Fred Arthur Hagman
Gustave E. Hagman
Edward Herman Johnson
Hugh Joseph Keating
Bryan G. Perry
Alfred Peterson
Eugene Silfies
George W. Silfies, Jr.
Paul Searfos
James V. De Stefano
Oscar F. Silfies
Victor L. Swanson
Vernon E. Swanson

IMPORTANT. Papers please publish this notice in connection with above List. Residents of Keating and Sergeant Townships are asked by the Pennsylvania Council of National Defense to check over the list of names printed herewith and if anyone in the Service from the Township has been missed to notify one of the undersigned Committee, secure card and fill it out and give to her in order that the proper record may be made. The wok was done thoroughly but it inevitable that some soldiers were overlooked and citizens must cooperate in this way if complete lists of soldiers be obtained. Roll of Honor Committee for Keating Township is Mrs. Chas O. Taylor, Mrs. Jennie M. Chase, Mrs. Alice Richmond, Mrs. Maude T. German, Addie Rockefeller, Lena McKean, Mrs. George Moody, Lois Stratton, Miss Barry, Mrs. F. D. Sprague.

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Books, 5c to $1.00
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THE LIGHT IN THE CLEARING

A TALE OF THE NORTH COUNTRY IN THE TIME OF SILAS WRIGHT

By

IRVING BACHELLER

AUTHOR OF

EBEN HOLDEN, DRI AND I, CARREL OF THE BLESSED ISLES, KEEPING UP WITH LIZZIE, ETC. ETC

PREFACE

[illegible] Marcus. When Aunt Deel returned to [illegible] your

[illegible]

"Will you [illegible] Uncle Peabody," I worked.

"Ayes! I'll have to tell him," she answered dimly.

For the first time I looked for him with dread at the window and when [illegible] I heard [illegible] and patronizing note in her voice as she said:

"My son, he studied law to be sure for quite a spell over the winter and supported that beautiful wax wreath."

"Corruption four corners!" he exclaimed. "I'll have to—"

He stopped as he was wont to do on the threshold of strong opinions and provocative resolutions.

The rest of the conversation was drowned in my own cries and Uncle Peabody came and lifted me tenderly and carried me to the table.

He sat down with me on his lap and he fed my cakes. Then he said very gravely:

"Now, Bart, you and me have got to be cautious. What-nots and whatnots and knick-knacks and bric-a-brac are the most dangerous critters in St. Lawrence county. They're sorter savage. Keep your eye peeled. You can't tell what minute they'll jump on you. More'n likely you'll be a dead man by [illegible] and [illegible] in the woods, by one of Carrington's Co. You might as well understand matters. How be I [illegible] it?"

"I [illegible] I exhibited and began to cry out in fearful exasperation.

He set me in a chair, picked up one of his old carpet-slippers and began to thump the bed with it. He belabored [illegible] Aunt Deel [illegible]

"My son," he snarled, "is to be proper for such as [illegible] over the winter and supported that beautiful wax wreath."

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"Never!" said Uncle Peabody, "I'm afraid they've et it up."

He had no sooner said it than a cry broke from my lips and I sank down upon the grass moaning and sobbing. I lay amidst the ruins of the simple faith of childhood. It was as if the world and all its joys had come to an end.

Aunt Deel spoke in a low, kindly tone and came and lifted me to my feet very tenderly.

"Come, Bart, don't feel so about that old melon," said she, "it ain't worth it. Come with me, I'm going to give you a present—ayes I be!"

I was still crying when she took me to her trunk, and offered the grateful assuagement of candy and a belt, all embroidered with blue and white beads.

"Now you see, Bart, how low and mean anybody is that takes what don't belong to 'em—ayes! They're [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] "Corruption four corners!" were phrases calculated to establish our social standing. I supposed that the world was peopled by Democrats, Lincolns, Humphries and Dunkelbergs, but mostly by Dunkelbergs. Dunkelbergs were rich people who lived in Canton village.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

"What was it, anyway?"

"Why, it was my melon."

"Didn't you know it was alive?"

"Alive!" I exclaimed.

"Yes, alive! Ye, it's true."

He put a number of the seeds in the ground and covered them, and said that part of the garden should be mine. I watched it every day and by and by two vines came up. One reached and died in dry weather. Uncle Peabody said that I must water the other every day. I [illegible] and the vine throve.

It was hard work, I thought, to go down into the garden, night and morning, with my little pail full of water, but uncle said that I should get my pay when the melon was ripe. I had also to keep the woodshed full and feed the chickens. They were odious tasks. When I asked Aunt Deel what I should get for doing them she answered quickly:

"Nospanks and bread and butter—ayes!"

When I asked what were "nospanks" she told me that they were part of the wages of a good child. I was better paid for my care of the watermelon vine, for its growth was measured with a string every day and kept me interested. One morning I found [illegible] on it. I [illegible] one and [illegible] to Aunt Deel. Another I [illegible] the melon [illegible] and [illegible] as I [illegible] Uncle Peabody [illegible] I [illegible] I [illegible] I

BRIDE of BATTLE

A Romance of the AMERICAN ARMY Fighting on the Battlefields of FRANCE

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CHAPTER XVIII.

Perhaps it was because they had seen so many horrors during the past four-and-twenty hours that these seemed all to have fallen away that night at staff headquarters. There was a brief hour of rest after interminable labors, the lines had been held and the great assault repelled in confusion; for that hour every man seemed bent upon forgetting the incidents of war, and something like gaiety ruled in the messroom.

All the past seemed very far away to Captain Mark Wallace as he stood with Eleanor in the little cottage garden.

"When the auto comes to take you back to the hospital I shall feel that my new life has lost the best part of its promise," said Mark.

It was a long and extraordinarily imaginative speech for him, and he stood shamefaced after he had said it, like a boy who has delivered a grown man's aphorism.

"Captain Mark," said Eleanor, "you knew who I was, and you could not—you could not have believed my father innocent, and yet you had faith in me. You must have suffered when I used to talk about my dreams of him, and you hid your suffering and your knowledge because of me."

"That was nothing, Eleanor."

"Captain Mark," she whispered, bending toward him. "I—I kissed you today."

"That was nothing, Eleanor."

"Captain Mark! What do you mean! How dare you!"

Mark looked utterly disconcerted. "I mean—I mean, Eleanor, I'm just your old guardian—a sort of old friend, you know, and you were glad I had come back safe."

"O, Captain Mark!" said Eleanor, shaking with helpless laughter which disconcerted him still more; and yet he thought her lashes were wet with tears. "Captain Mark, are you really going to make me say it?"

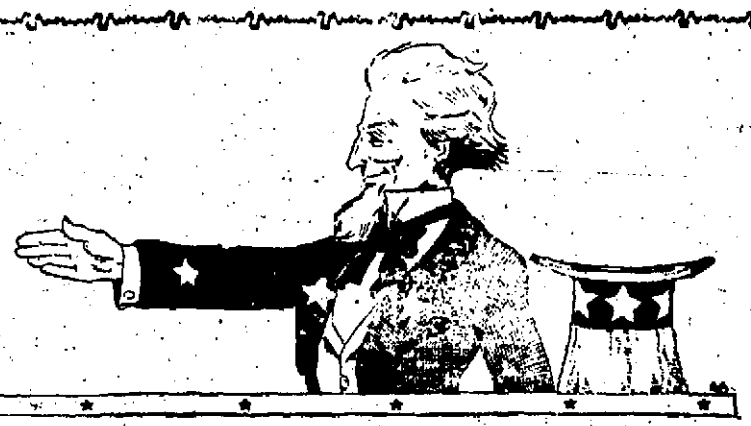
"Say what, my dear?"

"That it ought to have been you."

"But you mustn't let that worry you, Eleanor. It's often done in such cases—I just thought you were too old to [illegible] I wouldn't be—"

"Could you thank you?" said Eleanor warmly. "Captain Mark, you dear, absurd specimen of noble [illegible] you aren't going to spare me. Seriously, I believe you have been [illegible]

[illegible] Mark looked at her in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]



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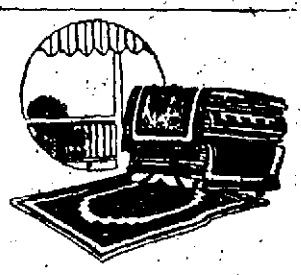

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PORT ALLEGANY.

Death of Alonzo C. Coleman and Stephen M. Sartwell are Chronicled.

Alzono Cone Coleman was born in Port Allegany, August 29, 1841 and was therefore, in his 78th year when he departed this life December 1, 1918. His grandfather, Dr. Horace Coleman was one of the earliest pioneers of this part of the state, having settled, many years ago on what was for years the farm of his son, Horace Coleman, deceased, and which is located about two and a half miles east of the borough on the railroad to Coudersport and where the community now known as Colemans, formerly Coleman Mills, is situated. His father was the late Joseph Cone Coleman, and his mother Elizabeth Maginna Coleman, a sister of the late wife of Selden Barker, one of the early pioneers of McKean county and a well known resident of Port Allegany for many years. Joseph C. Coleman and his wife were both born in the state of New York.

Lon, as he was best known among the oldest residents of the vicinity, passed his entire life here with the exception of about five years spent in Kansas, from 1886 to 1891, and was a brother-in-law of the late Judge R. P. Thompson and Eugene W. Thompson, Esq., of Minneapolis, Kansas, both residents of this community when they were boys, and who will be remembered by many who still live here.

Mr. Coleman was married November 2, 1867, to Rosella F. Thompson one of the daughters of the late Judith P. Thompson, and a sister of Mrs. C. S. King and Mrs. Rose Sartwell of this borough, the latter now deceased. Alonzo C. Coleman was one of five sons, namely Francis M. Coleman and Henry C. Coleman who died some years ago, and Willis B. Coleman and Joseph C. Coleman, Jr., now residing on the Pacific Coast. Lon was universally liked and respected because of his genial manner, kind and generous disposition and interest honesty in all his dealings with his fellow men; he was a good citizen, a hard worker and a kind and indulgent father and husband. He leaves his wife and helpmate for more than fifty-two years, two sons, Watson E. of Washington, D. C., and Harry B. of Southbridge Mass., and a daughter, Mrs. George L. Catlin of Port Allegany.

Stephen Martin Sartwell was born October 30, 1876 at Port Allegany, Pa. in the old Sartwell House and died December 2nd in the Buffalo City Hospital of compound pneumonia. He was the only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Stephen C. Sartwell, who kept the Sartwell House for many years. He was married to Miss Anna Kleppenbach April 23, 1902. To them were born three children, two of whom are living, Helen E., aged 13 and Grace C. aged 7. These together with his wife and twin sister, Mrs. Grace Sartwell Mason are left to mourn his loss.

He was in the restaurant business in Port Allegany for two years after his marriage. With his pleasant manners and genial ways he made many friends.

In 1903, he with his family and mother moved to Buffalo, where they have since resided for nearly seven years. At the time of his death he was in the employ of the United States Shipping Board of Buffalo as government checker, where he was much liked by all.—Reporter-Argus.

BETULA

Influenza Situation Improving—Hospital at Keystone Closed.

The influenza situation here has greatly improved during the last week. The hospital at Keystone has been abandoned, as it is not needed any more. Not many new cases have developed and many of the people who were sick last week, have recovered. Only one death has occurred.

Carl Baker died at the temporary hospital Thursday morning. His death was caused by influenza. Mr. Baker was twenty-three years of age. His wife and little son were ill of influenza at the time of his death, but they have recovered. His mother, Mrs Fred Murray, was also being cared for at the hospital at that time. She, too, has recovered.

Mrs. Kline, of Mina, was summoned to Betula Thursday, to help care for her son, Arthur Kline, who was seriously ill of the influenza. Mr Kline is feeling much better now.

Charles Barker, Jr., the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barker has been quite sick for several days.

Bert Zinn is suffering from influenza, at present.

Miss Gertrude Wagner of Norwich has been ill, but her condition is rapidly improving.

Miss Constance Tubbs who has been confined to her home for a month, is now able to be out again.

Miss Lena Dodge, who was operated upon for appendicitis several weeks ago, has returned from the Bradford hospital.

"Dock" Bennett, an eleven-year-old trapper, had excellent luck last week. He was overjoyed to find a fox in one of his traps.

Mrs. William Gore is visiting her son, Watson Gore, at Olean.

The schools at Norwich were reopened December 4. The attendance the first day was very limited, one rumor stating that only fourteen children were present.

BUSH HILL

Soldier Boys Are Home—Ate $15.75 Worth of Pie.

The Messrs Frank B. Fay of Camp Lee Virginia and Frances J. Hooley of Camp Dix, N. J., received their honorable discharge and returned to their homes the latter part of last week.

The Pie Social held at the Lower Open Brook school house Friday evening was largely attended and all reported a fine time. The sum of $15.75 was cleared.

Miss Margaret Smith left Tuesday for Olean, N. Y.

Urban Fay was seen on our roads Sunday.

Miss Helen Johnson spent the week with friends in Smethport.

Miss Anna Kick of Olean, N. Y., has been the guest of Miss Julia Fay for the past week.

The Misses Marie Hooley and Agnes Marsh called on Miss Nellie Smith Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jordon were Port Allegany business visitors Thursday.

Mrs. Anna McKiernan who has been visiting her son Michael and family of Crosby has returned to her home.

CROSBY

John B. Falk, Civil War Veteran, Passed Away.

Mrs. Herman Kreauger and Mrs. W. C. Cleveland were calling on Mrs. Jennie Stewart.

F. B. Grantier has gone to Tyrone, Pa., as delegate for the Grange.

Mrs. Mable Larson was calling on the Misses Velma and Hazel Wilcox Sunday.

Miss Tingling of Virginia gave a very intersting talk on war work and temperance, Sunday, which was greatly enjoyed by all. Let us hope we will hear her again in February.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whittemore and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Wilcox, Sunday.

Mrs. Doubles received a letter from her son "over there." He says he is well and happy and glad to know that war is over.

Those who were so unfortunate as to not attend Grange last Wednesday night missed a fine lunch and a good time.

Another old veteran has gone to rest. Wednesday, Dec. 4, John B. Falk died of a stroke of apoplexy, at Brooklyn-side, Port Allegany. It will be remembered he was a resident of this place some forty-eight years ago. He was born July 3, 1844, in Germany. He was about 8 years old when he came across the ocean. He married Miss Delila Grover, who still survives him. He leaves to mourn his loss, a wife and six children, Mrs. Enos Grover, Crosby, Connor Falk of Byron, Ill., Fred Falk of Pa., Mrs. Alice Acre of Port Allegany, Arthur Falk of Coudersport and Mrs. Jennie Nunn of Champlin Hill, besides several grandchildren. Burial took place in Grimes cemetery.

Mrs. Sara Grover and Freeman Falk were in Port Allegany, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grinolds, are going to move back to their old home in Port Allegany this week.

Mrs. Nettie Marsh and Mrs. Sara Grover called on Mrs. Frank Grinolds, Tuesday.

CORYVILLE

Foot Amputated as result of Shooting Self in Ankle.

Mrs. B. F. Cory has returned from Jamestown, N. Y.

Mrs. E. G. Fairchild was a business visitor in Eldred Monday.

Miss Margaret Starkweather who teaches at Bordell was home over uSnday.

Ara Cory, little son of Mrs. Belle Cory is on the sick list. Dr. Huff of Eldred was called Monday. The child suffered with an attack of indigestion, but is better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Guenter's little son Fritz has the whooping cough. Dr. Huff was called in last Monday to see him.

Arthur Wilson has returned to his work near Betula after a ten days vacation.

The Misses Hazel and Grace Bartley and Master Dana Cory of Coudersport, former residents of this place, were recent guests of the latters mother, Mrs. Belle Cory. Mr. Bartley who was the superintendent of the chemical factory here for several years, is moving his family to Mississippi, this week. Where he will have charge of a large chemical plant. His son-in-law Barthey and family of Olean, N. Y. will accompany them to their new home.

Roy Clark and Fred Eaton were in Pittsburgh over Sunday attending the Mormon conference held there.

Ralph Campbell of Olean was a guest of friends in town Monday.

Those from out of town who attended the Annual Institute of the Erie Branch of W. M. A. held in the U. B. church last week Tuesday were: Speaker, Miss Elsie Hall of Dayton, Ohio. Rev. Platz, wife and son. Mrs. Meachem and Mrs. McFarland of Port Allegany—Mrs. Ruth Dunchie, Mrs Rathbun, of Chrystal, Pa., Mrs. Thayer nda daughter Pauline of Farmers Valley. Dinner was served at the home of A. B. Washburne and supper at E. A. Guenter's.

Mrs. T. R. Taylor of Moody Hollow was a guest of Mrs. A. B. Washburne, Tuesday.

Miss Edna Roos is the Leader for Christian Endeavor next Sunday evening.

Frank Miller is able to be out again and attending to his work near Row.

Allen Fowler, while hunting recently met with quite an accident. In some way the gun was discharged and contents lodged in his ankle, injuring it so that the foot was amputated, at the Olean hospital, early this week.

Prayer meetings are held at different homes Wednesday evening while the church is undergoing repairs. This week it was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Washburne.

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It hangs in the window
Just a patch of red, white and blue,
Showing there's a lad in the service,
Who's heart is ever true.

The sun may fade it
The wind may sweep its folds,
But the truth is there with it
You may read the story is holds.

We may feel prouder if it says upon our flag,
"In Service Over There."
But remember he's a soldier just the same
If the field of white is bare.

As long as the star is blue,
The center white, the border red,
The fact is plain to you
The soldier boy is not among the dead.

But when we see a star of gold
Shining from a field of white
We know that some one's boy
Has fallen in the fight.

It will make him proud
His service flag to see.
He'll only think he did his duty
To clean this land for you and me.

Let it remain after he's gone
Telling what he can not tell,
Let it tell his story long
Let it with the breezes swell.

—Ethelyn Reynolds

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